

Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for chinook salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for chinook salmon unless opened by Commission action. *In all waters open to spring chinook salmon fishing, the season shall be Friday through Monday ONLY until the closing date listed, or until further notice, whichever comes first.*

**Snake River (UPPER)** from the Dug Bar boat ramp\* upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.

- **SEASON:** May 11 until further notice or July 16, whichever comes first.

**Mainstem Clearwater River** from the railroad bridge\* at Lewiston upstream to the Cherrylane Bridge\*.

**Upper Mainstem Clearwater River** from the Orofino Bridge\* upstream to the Kamiah Bridge\*.

**North Fork Clearwater River** from its mouth upstream to Dworshak Dam, excluding the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery at Ahsahka.

**South Fork Clearwater River** from its mouth upstream to the confluence of American and Red rivers.

- **SEASON:** May 11 until further notice or July 16, whichever comes first.

**Lochsa River** from its mouth upstream to the Twin Bridges immediately upstream from the confluence of Crooked Fork and Colt Killed Creek.

- **SEASON:** May 26 until further notice, or July 16, whichever comes first.

**Lower Salmon River-Hammer Creek** from the Hammer Creek boat ramp\* upstream to the Time Zone Bridge\* .

- **SEASON:** May 11 until further notice or June 25, whichever comes first.

**Little Salmon River** from a posted boundary at the mouth of the Little Salmon River upstream to U. S. Highway 95 bridge near Smokey Boulder Road.\*

- **SEASON:** May 11 until further notice or August 5, whichever comes first.

Limits

**Daily, Possession, and Season Limits—ALL WATERS COMBINED:** 1 per day, 3 in possession, 10 for the season.

No person shall take more than one daily bag limit in one day. No person shall possess more than one possession limit. No person shall take more than 10 chinook salmon statewide.

Methods of Take

- A. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- B. Fishing prohibited after attainment of limits. Once an angler has attained his bag, possession or season limit on those waters open to salmon fishing, he must cease fishing for salmon, including catch and-release fishing.
- C. Chinook may be taken only with barbless hooks. Bending the barb down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.
- D. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging.
- E. In the Lochsa River, salmon may only be taken with artificial flies and lures with one barbless hook per fly or lure (no bait). A single hook may have up to 3 points.

Fishing Hours

**Snake, Salmon and Little Salmon Rivers and the Clearwater River Drainage:** Fishing for chinook salmon is permitted only from ½ hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset, local time.

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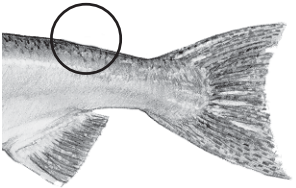
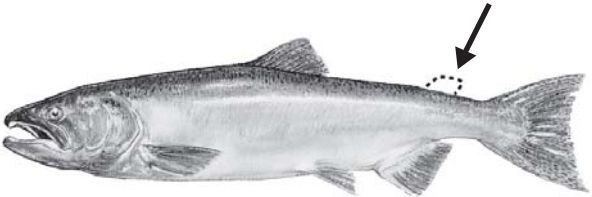
During any open salmon season, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in, its mouth.

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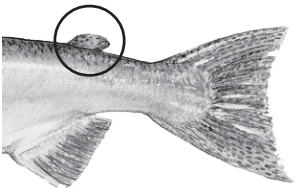
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Special Rules

- A. It shall be unlawful to fish in any waters while having fish in possession which violate rules for those waters.
- B. No person shall have in the field or in transit any chinook salmon from which the head or tail has been removed (Unless the fish has been commercially processed).
- C. All fish that are hooked, landed and not immediately released shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.
- D. Only hatchery chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. All salmon with a non-clipped adipose fin must be immediately released.



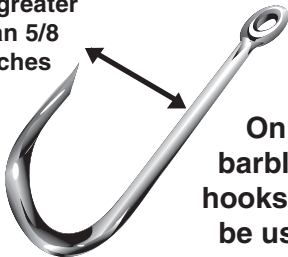
Hatchery salmon may be kept if the adipose fin has been clipped.



Wild or hatchery salmon with adipose fin MUST be released immediately.

All successful and unsuccessful anglers that encounter an IDFG check station are required to stop.

Not greater than 5/8 inches



Only barbless hooks may be used.

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Spring Chinook  
Salmon  
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Snake River  
Lower Salmon River  
Little Salmon River  
Mainstem Clearwater River  
North Fork Clearwater River  
South Fork Clearwater River  
Lochsa River



Licenses and Permits

Resident Fishing License .....	\$25.75
Nonresident Fishing License (Season) .....	\$82.00
Nonresident Jr. Fishing License (Season) .....	\$13.75
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License (includes a 3-Day Permit) .....	\$31.50
Salmon Permit (License Required) .....	\$12.75

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Citizens Against Poaching  
1-800-632-5999

General Information

Licenses, Permits

Everyone, except those expressly exempt, must have a valid fishing license and salmon permit in possession to fish for salmon, except Free Fishing Day, June 9, 2007.

Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase either a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon License to fish for salmon.

In order to qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.

Children under the age of 14 (*including nonresidents*) are exempt from purchasing salmon permits. They may fish without permits if they are accompanied by a valid permit holder, provided that any fish kept must be recorded on the permit holder’s card and counted in the permit holder’s legal bag and possession limit. Any resident child under 14 may purchase a permit so that he/ she may catch his or her own limit of salmon. Any nonresident child may purchase either a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit or a 3-Day Salmon License to fish for salmon so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon.

2007 Idaho Salmon Fishing Rules

Consult the 2006-2007 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

**Chinook Salmon:** Adult anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* found in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage and the Clearwater River drainage, excluding lakes and the North Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam.

**Jack Salmon:** Adult chinook salmon under 20 inches in total length are commonly called jack salmon.

**Permits:** Any person fishing for or harvesting chinook salmon must have a valid salmon permit in possession. However, when a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

**Permit Validation:** When a chinook salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- A. Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- B. Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- C. Enter in the space provided, the month and day the fish was caught.

For example, a chinook salmon kept from the South Fork Clearwater River on June 1 would be entered as:

FISH	BIRD	MONTH DAY		LOCATION CODE	MONTH DAY		LOCATION CODE	FISH	BIRD
1		6/01		07				20	
2				S			F	21	
3				R			A	22	
4				I			L	23	
5				N			L	24	
				G					

REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!

RIVER LOCATION CODES

See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for chinook salmon fishing.

SNAKE RIVER

Dug Bar boat ramp to Hells Canyon Dam ..... 02

CLEARWATER RIVER

Clearwater River, Railroad Bridge at Lewiston upstream to Cherrylane Bridge ..... 03  
Clearwater River, Upstream from Orofino Bridge to Kamiah Bridge ..... 04  
North Fork Clearwater<sup>1</sup> ..... 05  
South Fork Clearwater River ..... 07  
Lochsa River ..... 08

LOWER SALMON RIVER

Hammer Creek boat ramp to Time Zone Bridge ..... 11

LITTLE SALMON RIVER

Little Salmon River ..... 20

<sup>1</sup>CLEARWATER SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

North Fork – Fishing is prohibited from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. Fishing from any watercraft or wading is prohibited between the posted line approximately 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River to the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge. When fishing from the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish downstream of the railroad bridge. Fishing is prohibited from the railroad bridge.

It Is Unlawful

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. They are listed here for your information. Please consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2006-2007 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

It Is Unlawful:

- To take or attempt to take a salmon by snagging, or to keep a salmon that has been snagged. A salmon that is snagged must be released immediately, unharmed back into the water.
- To keep a salmon hooked in any part of its body other than the mouth or jaw.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer.
- To fail to stop and report at check stations that have been established to inspect licenses and fish and game.
- To put any substance not attached to a hook into the water for the purpose of attracting fish (chumming).
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish.
- To catch any part of another person’s bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker’s name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker’s name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation.
- To use chemicals, poisons or explosives in attempting to catch or destroy fish.
- To waste game fish.
- To sell fish without a permit.

Salmon caught in a legal manner must be either released or killed immediately after landing.

\*Locations

(The following information is for general reference only.)

**Dug Bar boat ramp, Snake River:** Dug Bar boat ramp is located about 6 miles upstream from the mouth of the Imnaha River, which is a tributary on the Oregon side of the Snake River approximately 52 miles upstream from Lewiston, Idaho. By car, travel east from Joseph, Oregon on the Little Sheep Creek Road to the town of Imnaha. Turn left (downriver) on the lower Imnaha Road and travel about 25 miles on the mostly gravel road to the end at Dug Bar boat ramp.

**Hammer Creek boat ramp, Lower Salmon River:** Hammer Creek boat ramp is located about 34 miles downstream from Riggins and 1 mile downstream from Whitebird Creek. Exit west off of Highway 95 at the Hammer Creek boat ramp sign, which is about 1½ miles south (upstream) of the town of Whitebird. Cross the Salmon River and travel downstream (north) to the boat ramp.

**Smokey Boulder Bridge, Little Salmon River:** The Smokey Boulder Bridge is a Highway 95 bridge which crosses the Little Salmon River about 24 miles upstream (south) from Riggins and about 5 miles upstream (south) of Hazard Creek. Coming from New Meadows, the bridge is about 10½ miles downstream (north) from New Meadows.

**Railroad Bridge, Clearwater River:** The Great Northwest Railroad Bridge crosses the Clearwater River about ½ mile upstream from its confluence with the Snake River and about 1¼ miles downstream from the Memorial Bridge (Highway 12), which crosses the Clearwater River at Lewiston.

**Cherrylane Bridge:** The Cherrylane Bridge crosses the Clearwater River approximately 20 miles east of Lewiston just off of U.S. Highway 12. The bridge is located immediately east of U.S. Highway 12 milepost 21.

**Orofino Bridge:** The Orofino Bridge is the State Highway 7 crossing of the Clearwater River at Orofino. It is the only bridge that crosses the Clearwater River at Orofino and is located at U.S. 12 highway mile 49.2.

**Kamiah Bridge:** The Kamiah Bridge is on U.S. Highway 12 and crosses the Clearwater River at U.S. 12 highway mile 66.7. The bridge is located immediately east of Kamiah.

**Time Zone Bridge:** The Time Zone Bridge is on U.S. Highway 95 and crosses the Salmon River at U.S. 95 highway mile 197.3. The bridge is approximately 1 mile north of Riggins.